

LEWIS BARTHOLOMEW WOODRUFF

It is with deep regret that we record the death of our fellow member, Lewis Bartholomew Woodruff. He was born in New York City, January 1, 1868, and died of typhoid fever on November 27, 1925, in the hospital at Torrington, Connecticut. His family long had a residence in the nearby town of Litchfield, whither Mr. Woodruff recently removed intending to make the ancestral house his permanent home. A lawyer by profession, he was, however, more interested in the natural sciences, and as soon as possible abandoned the law and devoted himself to the study of insects of which he had a large and carefully labeled collection. He was likewise interested in other branches of natural history, and had a collection of birds and some mammals. Both he and his brother, E. Seymour Woodruff, contributed to *The Birds of Connecticut*, published as No. 20 of the State Geological and Natural History Survey.

He joined the Linnean Society of New York in 1892, and served as its treasurer for 19 years, from March, 1902, to March, 1921. He was likewise a life member of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences.

On November 19, 1912, Mr. Woodruff was elected a member of the New York Entomological Society, and from that time attended many of its meetings. He served as vice-president of the Society during 1916 and 1917, and as president during 1918, 1919 and 1920. He became a life member April 1, 1924. He was much interested in the Membracidae and described nineteen forms as new to science; he also described the beetle *Polydrusus decoratus* from Alabama. Being interested in the Melandrydæ, he prepared the manuscript for that family for Leng's Catalogue of the Coleoptera of North America. The records of the meetings of the New York Entomological Society show that Mr. Woodruff contributed many items of interest about dragonflies, and had added a number of names to both the local list of New York City and the state list of Connecticut.

In addition to the numerous short notes to be found in the published minutes of the meetings of the Society, the following papers and miscellaneous notes are printed in its Journal:

1. *Neuronia pardalis* Walker near New York City (Trichoptera). Vol. 21, p. 163, June, 1913.
2. The Nymph of *Ophiogomphus Johannus* Needham. Illustrated. Vol. 22, pp. 61-63. March, 1914.
3. Some Dragonflies of a Connecticut Brook. Vol. 22, pp. 154-159. June, 1914.
4. A New Membracid from New York. With plate. Vol. 23, pp. 44-47. March, 1915.
5. The Occurrence of *Archips infumatana* Zell. in the Eastern United States. Vol. 24, p. 153. June, 1916.
6. Notes on Malachidæ (with Davis). Vol. 24, p. 154. June, 1916.
7. A Note on *Cremastochilus*. Vol. 26, p. 110. June, 1918.
8. Fall Notes on Some Alabama Butterflies. Vol. 27, pp. 159-161. June-Sept., 1919.
9. A Review of Our Local Species of the Membracid Genus *Ophiderma* Fairm. (Hemip.-Homop.). With plate. Vol. 27, pp. 249-260. Dec., 1919.
10. Further Notes on the Membracid Genus *Ophiderma* Fairm. (Hemip.-Homop.). Vol. 28, pp. 212-214. Sept.-Dec., 1920.
11. Lathridiidae in the Heart of New York City (Coleop.). Vol. 29, pp. 178-179. Sept.-Dec., 1921.
12. A New Species of *Polydrusus* Germar (Coleop.). Vol. 31, pp. 155-157. Sept., 1923.
13. Supplementary Notes on *Ophiderma* Fairm. (Hemip.-Homop.). Vol. 31, pp. 188-189. Dec., 1923.
14. Critical Observations in the Membracid Genus *Cyrtolobus* Goding. (Hemip.-Homop.). Vol. 32, pp. 1-62, plates I-VI. March, 1924.

Recently Mr. Woodruff had become more closely associated with the American Museum of Natural History, and in the spring of 1925 accompanied a collecting expedition from that institution to the Virgin Islands.

We quote from the Litchfield *Inquirer* of December 3, 1925: "In accordance with Mr. Woodruff's wish there was no formal funeral service but a simple prayer, on Monday afternoon, at the family plot in Litchfield cemetery where his father, mother, three brothers and wife are all buried." He was the last of his family.

Since the foregoing was written, his executor has informed the Society, that Mr. Woodruff has very generously bequeathed \$10,000, the income from which is to be used by it in furthering the publication of papers on entomology.

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